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	4,204,724	05/27/1980	Bauer et al.			
	4,211,337	07/08/1980	Weavers et al.			
	4,235,334	11/25/1980	Ahn			
	4,239,108	12/16/1980	Coleman et al.			
	4,266,784	05/12/1981	Torrington			
	4,279,373	07/21/1981	Montealegre			
	4,285,429	08/25/1981	MacTavish			
	4,291,801	09/29/1981	Basili et al.			
	4,293,266	10/06/1981	St. Lawrence et al.			
	4,303,159	12/01/1981	Stone et al.			
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	4,379,507	04/12/1983	Llabres			
	4,387,807	06/14/1983	De la Rosa			
	4,399,913	08/23/1983	Gelardi et al.			
	4,406,369	09/27/1983	Wallace et al.			
	4,407,410	10/04/1983	Graetz et al.			
	4,425,999	01/17/1984	MacDonald et al.			
	4,445,634	05/01/1984	Sato			
	4,453,743	06/12/1984	Sanders et al.			
	4,463,849	08/07/1984	Prusak et al.			
	4,463,850	08/07/1984	Gorog			
	4,469,225	09/04/1984	Takahashi			
	4,476,978	10/16/1984	Saito			
	4,488,644	12/18/1984	Wynalda			
	4,501,359	02/26/1985	Yoshizawa			
	4,508,217	04/02/1985	Long et al.			
	4,522,312	06/11/1985	Rathgeber et al.			
	4,538,730	09/03/1985	Wu			
	4,558,782	12/17/1985	Iverson et al.			
	4,561,544	12/31/1985	Reeve			
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	4,627,534	12/09/1986	Komiyama et al.			
	4,635,797	01/13/1987	Bankier			
	4,643,301	02/17/1987	Hehn et al.			
	4,658,955	04/21/1987	Eichner			
	4,674,303	06/23/1987	Salcone			
	4,676,370	06/30/1987	Rudick			
	4,678,080	07/07/1987	Nelson			
	4,685,558	08/11/1987	Filiz et al.			
	4,702,369	10/27/1987	Philosophe			
	4,703,853	11/03/1987	Byrns			
	4,705,166	11/10/1987	Ackeret			
	4,709,813	12/01/1987	Wildt			
	4,717,021	01/05/1988	Ditzig			
	4,718,547	01/12/1988	MacTavish			
	4,722,439	02/02/1988	Grobecker et al.			
	4,724,957	02/16/1988	Burgschweiger			
	4,733,916	03/29/1988	Seufert			
	4,747,484	05/31/1988	Ackeret			
	4,750,618	06/14/1988	Schubert			
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	4,805,770	02/21/1989	Groebecker et al.			
	4,807,749	02/28/1989	Ackeret			
	4,811,000	03/07/1989	Humphrey et al.			
	4,819,797	04/11/1989	Holmgren			
	4,834,238	05/30/1989	Hehn et al.			
	4,838,420	06/13/1989	Collett et al.			
	4,860,897	08/29/1989	Fowler et al.			
	4,871,064	10/03/1989	Hehn et al.			
	4,921,097	05/01/1990	Finke et al.			
	4,928,825	05/29/1990	Hehn			
	4,941,588	07/17/1990	Flider			
	4,947,989	08/14/1990	Horton			
	4,962,854	10/16/1990	Ricci			
	4,966,020	10/30/1990	Fotheringham et al.			
	4,972,690	11/27/1990	O'Sullivan			
	4,974,740	12/04/1990	Niles et al.			
	4,987,639	01/29/1991	Baiuley et al.			
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	5,081,446	01/14/1992	Gill et al.			
	5,085,322	02/04/1992	Lax			
	Des. 324,337	03/03/1992	Brady			
	5,103,978	04/14/1992	Secor			
	5,145,068	09/08/1992	Schmitz et al.			
	5,147,034	09/15/1992	Broadhead et al.			
	5,161,907	10/10/1992	Byrne			
	5,191,983	03/09/1993	Hardy			
	5,193,371	03/16/1993	Yamnane			
	5,195,595	03/23/1993	Nakagawa			
	5,205,401	04/27/1993	Weisburn et al.			
	5,205,405	04/27/1993	O'Brien et al.			
	5,209,086	05/11/1993	Bruhwiler			
	5,211,283	05/18/1993	Weisburn et al.			
	5,213,209	05/25/1993	Song			
	5,215,188	06/01/1993	Wittman			
	5,219,417	06/15/1993	O'Brien et al.			
	5,236,081	08/17/1993	Fitzsimmons et al.			
	5,244,085	09/14/1993	Lammerant et al.			
	5,249,677	10/05/1993	Lim			
	5,251,750	10/12/1993	Gelardi et al.			
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	Des. 347,320	05/31/1994	Du Corday			
	5,359,809	11/01/1994	Johnson			
	5,360,107	11/01/1994	Chasin et al.			
	5,366,074	11/22/1994	O'Brien et al.			
	5,368,162	11/29/1994	Holmgren			
	5,375,712	12/27/1994	Weisburn			
	5,377,825	01/03/1995	Sykes et al.			
	5,377,827	01/03/1995	Roth et al.			
	5,384,103	01/24/1995	Miller			
	5,390,515	02/21/1995	Essick			
	5,400,902	03/00/1995	Kaminski			
	5,417,324	05/23/1995	Joyce et al.			
	Des. 358,961	06/06/1995	Lax			
	5,460,266	10/24/1995	Mundorf et al.			
	5,462,159	10/31/1995	Roth et al.			
	5,494,156	02/27/1996	Nies			
	5,499,714	03/19/1996	Konno			
	5,505,299	04/09/1996	Ditzig et al.			
	5,515,968	05/14/1996	Taniyama			
	5,524,752	06/11/1996	Mazzucchelli			
	5,526,926	06/18/1996	Deja			
	5,528,914	06/25/1996	Nguyen et al.			
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	5,588,315	12/31/1996	Holmgren			
	5,593,030	01/14/1997	Tell			
	5,593,031	01/14/1997	Uchida			
	5,597,068	01/28/1997	Weisburn et al.			
	5,598,728	02/04/1997	Lax			
	5,601,188	02/11/1997	Dressen et al.			
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	5,636,535	06/10/1997	Shimada			
	5,636,737	06/10/1997	Marsilio			
	5,653,335	08/05/1997	Bauer et al.			
	5,660,274	08/26/1997	Chien			
	5,662,218	09/02/1997	Ladwig			
	5,680,782	10/28/1997	Komatsu et al.			
	5,685,425	11/11/1997	Choi			
	5,685,427	11/11/1997	Kuitems et al.			
	5,690,224	11/25/1997	Koizumi			
	5,697,496	12/16/1997	Bauer			
	5,717,533	02/10/1998	Poplawski et al.			
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	5,772,028	06/30/1998	Marsilio et al.			
	5,775,491	07/07/1998	Taniyama			
	5,775,500	07/07/1998	Williams			
	5,777,884	07/07/1998	Belka et al.			
	5,782,348	07/21/1998	Burdett			
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	5,788,068	08/04/1998	Fraser et al.			
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	5,823,341	10/20/1998	Nakasuji			
	5,829,582	11/03/1998	Ippolito et al.			
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	5,839,576	11/24/1998	Kim			
	5,850,752	12/22/1998	Lax			
	5,887,713	03/30/1999	Smith et al.			
	5,890,590	04/06/1999	Doodson			
	5,896,985	04/27/1999	Nakasuji			
	5,896,986	04/27/1999	Bologna et al.			
	5,899,327	05/04/1999	Sykes			
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	5,934,114	08/10/1999	Weisburn et al.			
	5,941,382	08/24/1999	Fantone et al.			
	5,944,181	08/31/1999	Lau			
	5,944,185	08/31/1999	Burdett et al.			
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	5,975,298	11/02/1999	Sankey et al.			
	5,984,388	11/16/1999	Bacon			
	5,988,375	11/23/1999	Chang			
	5,988,376	11/23/1999	Lax			
	5,996,788	12/07/1999	Belden et al.			
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	6,000,541	12/14/1999	Yu			
	6,016,909	01/25/2000	Chang			
	6,021,894	02/08/2000	Lakoski et al.			
	Des. 420,240	02/08/2000	Sorenson			
	6,047,821	04/11/2000	Hashimoto et al.			
	Des. 422,445	04/11/2000	Markowitz			
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	6,102,200	08/15/2000	Dressen et al.			
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	6,119,857	09/19/2000	Stumpff			
	6,123,192	09/26/2000	Rufo			
	6,125,668	10/03/2000	Belden			
	6,135,280	10/24/2000	Burdet et al.			
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	6,170,656	01/09/2001	Cerda-Vilaplana et al.			
	Des. 437,520	02/13/2001	Choi			
	6,196,384	03/06/2001	Belden			
	6,222,453	04/24/2001	Joyce			
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	3,316,802	11/08/1984	Germany				X
	0211088	02/25/1987	EPO				X
	62-241187	10/21/1987	Japan				X
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	1093055	10/05/1994	China				
	2,711,311	04/28/1995	France				X
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	0729897	09/04/1996	EPO				X
	1143593	02/26/1997	China				X
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